GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

LABOUR, FACTORIES, BOILERS AND IMS (IMS&VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.168 Dated:11.05.2022

Read the following:

1. From the DG, (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt. VR.No.1, (C.No. 2982/ V&E/ Sec.II/D2/2019-1&2&836/V&E/Sec.II/D2/2019-1) Dt.03.01.2020.
2. From the Director of Insurance Medical Services, A.P., Vijayawada Lr.Rc.No.1625923/SM/DIMS/2022, dated:15.03.2022.

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ORDER

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against her is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and alist of witnesses by whom the Articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure- III&IV).

3. Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada is directed to submit her written statement of defense within10 days from the date of receipt of this Government Order a written statement of her defence and also to state whether she desires to be heard in person.

4. Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above or does not appear in person before the Inquiry Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte.

6. Attention of Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada is invited to rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to furtherance of her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another persons in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada is specifically informed, that this order does not preclude the disciplinary authority to frame fresh charges, if any other irregularities are noticed during the course of disciplinary action.

(P.T.O)

8. The receipt of this G.O. should be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Dr.T. Sarala,Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada through the Director, Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Director, Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada with a request to serve the Articles of charge on the individual and furnish the dated ACK. of served copy for record.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

K. Vijaya Kumari
SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - I

Statement of Article of Charges framed against Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada.

That the said Dr. T. Sarala while working as Incharge Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada from 26.05.2017 to 29.06.2018 had committed the grave misconduct and irregularities as mentioned in the article of charges.

Article of Charge -1

That Dr. T. Sarala while working as Incharge Joint Director, Vijayawada placed indents worth Rs.4.31 Cr drugs without receiving indents from dispensaries.

By his above mentioned acts, she has exhibited lack of integrity, irresponsible towards his legitimate duties, maintaining integrity, devotion to duty and unbecoming ofa Government Servant and hereby violated Rule 3(i) of the AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - II

Statement of imputations of misconduct and irregularities in support of Article of Charges framed against Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada.

The Vigilance & Enforcement officials have enquired regarding the misappropriation in the Directorate of Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada in procurement of Drugs, Medical Equipment, Biometric Machines, Furniture, engaging the services of call center and ECG Test through M/s. Tale Health Services and establishment of Sewage Treatment plants at 03 Hospitals and one Diagnostic Center through M/s. Jalam Environmental Pvt Ltd., during the tenure of previous three I/c. Directors of Insurance Medical Services i.e., Dr. B. Ravi Kumar (01-11-2014 to 05-07-2016), Dr. C.K. Ramesh Kumar (06-07-2016 to 01-11-2017) and Dr. G. Vijaya Kumar (02-11-2017 to 07-05-2019) and submitted report to the Government. The following are the lapses, irregularities noticed during the enquiry.

1. The Department of Labour, Employment, Training & Factories (IMS) formulated the comprehensive policy guidelines for purchase of Drugs & Medicines and Medical equipment in Insurance Medical Services Department vide G.O.Ms.No.51, Dt.09.04.2012 of LET&F Dept,.

As per the said GO, Director of Insurance Medical Services shall obtain indents from the in-charge Medical Officers of the Dispensaries routed through Joint Directors concerned and purchasing system shall be centralized at the Directorate level.

On verification of drug store of JD, Vijayawada, drugs worth Rs.6.99 Cr are found lying as on 31.07.2019 without any requirement for Incharge Medical Officers of dispensaries. An amount of Rs. 06.99 Cr value of drugs are found un-utilised in Joint Director, Vijayawada drug store as on 31.07.2019. The amount Rs. 06.99 Cr spent for un-indented drugs can be counted as wasteful expenditure and loss to the Govt. exchequer. Further, it is noticed that the JD, Vijayawada adjusted those stocks to various ESI entities without indent. This can also be treated as wasteful expenditure.

The following table showing the drugs received by Dispensaries / Hospitals / Panel clinics without indents and over & above the indented items.

SL. No.	District	Drugs received without indent (Crs)	Drugs received over & above indented items (Crs)
1.	Srikakulam&Vizianagaram	19.28	2.58
2.	Visakhapatnam	31.53	4.25
3.	East Godavari	20.61	3.28
4.	West Godavari	27.13	6.20
5.	Krishna	26.05	0.88
6.	Guntur	3.59	0.00
7.	Prakasam	3.74	0.54

In West Godavari District almost all in all the Dispensaries, un important medicines like Diclofenac Sprays, Multi vitamins, Calcium Tabs, Inhalers and Regen D Ointments were supplied in huge quantities without indents and in some dispensaries disproportionate to the number of Insured Persons (IPs). At ESI Dispensary, Eluru and Tanuku found huge quantity of surgical items worth Rs.24,36,600/-without any indents are kept unutilised.

At ESI dispensary, Vijayawada Town & East, 03 items of drugs (Oint. Clindamycin, Tab. Sertraline & Tab. Teneligliptin) stock of value Rs.1,07,910/-and 10 no. of surgical items (knee brace, elbow caps, knee caps, cervical collars, LS belt, crepe bandage) stock of value Rs.4.05,100/-are still available in the stores as consumption is slow and stock of the items is sent in excess of the indented quantity during 2018-19.

At ESI dispensary, Gunadala, Vijayawada surgical items knee brace, elbow caps, knee caps, cervical collars, LS belt, stock of value Rs.6.06,980/-are still available in the stores as consumption is slow and stock of the items is sent in excess of the indented quantity during 2018-19.

Items such as cosmetics, Hair growth stimulators (Mintop), Tooth Pastes (Sensodyne), Kneepads dumped without indent/requirement/necessity. The DIMS supplied surgical stock without indent through JD, Vijayawada to panel doctor, Bapatla, Guntur District worth Rs.1,74,550/-vide voucher No.220, Dt.12/2017. The above Surgical stocks were kept idle since two years without utilisation. The JD, IMS, Vijayawada supplied certain near expiry medicines to panel doctor, Repalle, Guntur District without indents vide voucher No.448, Dt.24.11.2016. Out of those medicines Rs.50,000/-worth of medicines got expired.

During the year 2017-18, the Joint Director, V1jayawada supplied Rs.13,67,460/-worth of surgical items to the Medical Officer, ESI Dispensary Markapuram vide Voucher No.220, Dt.02.09.2018.The surgical stocks kept idle without utilization since there was no requirement/necessity of supply of such stocks.

On verification of the records she placed indents worth Rs.4.31 Cr drugs without receiving indents from dispensaries.

From this, it is evident that he has exhibited lack of integrity, irresponsible towards his legitimate duties, maintaining integrity, devotion to duty and unbecoming of a Government Servant and hereby violated Rule 3(i) of the AP Civil Services (Conduct) rules, 1964.

Hence, the charges.

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - III

List of documents on the basis of which the Article of Charges framed against Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada.

1. G.O.Ms.No.51, Dt.09.04.2012 of LET&F Dept.
2. Circular No.13/CDS/2014, Dt.31.05.2016 of the Director, Insurance Medical Services
3. Purchase procedure guidelines of ESIC vide LR.NO.U-16/52/2001/MED-III (AP), dt.22.11.2016.
4. Vigilance Report No. 01 (C.No. 2982/V&E/Sec-II/D2/2019-1, 2 & 836/ DG/ V&E/Sec-II/D2/2019) Dt. 03.01.2020 of the Director General (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department.

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ANNEXURE - IV

List of witness by whom the Article of Charges framed against Dr. T. Sarala, Deputy Civil Surgeon (Now on unauthorized absence), the then Joint Director, Insurance Medical Services, Vijayawada.

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